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## **FRENCH GULCH - FDR 2 (CTY RD 450)**

**Difficulty:** EASY TO MORE DIFFICULT

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Length:** 4.13 miles (one-way)

**Elevation:** Starts at 10,315 feet and ends at 12,055 feet (highest point 12,064 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +1,749 feet – 9 feet = +1,740 feet

**Open To:** HIKING, X-C SKIING, SNOWSHOEING

### **Access:**

- From I-70 take Exit 203, Frisco / Breckenridge, and travel south on HWY 9 through Frisco and travel to Breckenridge.
- Turn left at the 7-11 store at the intersection of French Gulch Road (County Road 450) and HWY 9.
- After approximately 0.4 miles the road forks, take the right fork into the subdivision. The road turns into County Road 2. Travel through the subdivision and then straight along the road.
- In approximately 4 miles there is a trailhead parking area on your right. Beyond this point there is no public parking so please park here.

### **Trail Highlights:**

- The trail initially follows the road and continues past the gate along the road.
- Mt. Guyot will come into view as the road traverses Humbug Hill. You will pass several privately owned cabins, then continue southeast on a pleasant rolling run with a spectacular view of Bald Mountain.
- Gold was discovered in French Gulch in 1860 by French Pete. This valley proved to be wildly rich in gold, silver, lead and zinc. You will see the remains of many mines in this area, as well as the rounded rock piles left by dredge boats.
- Once you have reached French Pass, you may continue downhill toward Michigan Creek located in the Pike National Forest in Park County.

### **Important Information:**

- Much of the land along the trail is privately owned. Please stay on the trail & don't disturb buildings.
- The mining ruins and tailings are typically on private land and can be very dangerous.

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